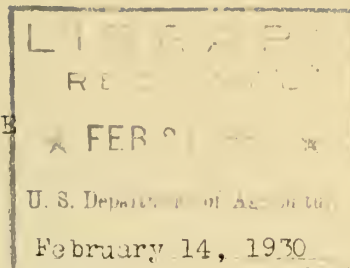


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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American barreled apples on the Liverpool auction, Wednesday, February 12, were slightly higher than last week but boxed apple prices showed no improvement, according to a cable received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. F. A. Motz, the Department of Agriculture's fruit specialist in Europe.

Washington Winesaps continued in liberal supply but supplies of Spitzenberg, Delicious, and Newtown were light. Considerable quantities of Winesaps were withdrawn from the auction to be held over until next week. The boxed varieties were in good condition with good color and appearance, but the demand even for the best fruit was dull.

All varieties of barreled apples were scarce at the auction this week while at this time a year ago barreled stock was in liberal supply. York Imperials were in good condition and most all barrels were arriving tight. The Virginia Ben Davis and New York Baldwin offered at the auction were in general only in fair condition, which resulted in low prices on the auction.

Barreled apple supplies were light at London and were in good condition, but a few slacks were showing up and some lots showed a trace of scald, although those packed in shredded oiled paper were practically free from scald. Prices received for York Imperials averaged about \$1.00 less than the Liverpool price. U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum, Yorks sold at \$5.84 to \$6.08; U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, at \$5.35 to \$5.84, and Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, from \$4.38 to \$5.84. With the exception of the last grade these prices were about 25 cents above the prices paid last week. U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, Virginia Delicious sold at \$5.35 to \$5.84 and Unclassified 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch at \$5.11 to \$6.33. Stayman from Virginia, Unclassified 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, sold from \$4.38 to \$5.35 per barrel. Boxed apples were in practically the same position as last week, Washington Winesaps selling very slowly at prices above \$2.68. Newtowns from Oregon were about the only boxed variety selling at prices profitable to shippers.

Shipments of Nova Scotian apples to Great Britain in the period November-January, exceeded 1,000,000 barrels while Ontario shipments were double the quantities shipped in the same period in the last two seasons. The deciduous fruit arrivals from South Africa continue heavy and are arriving in excellent condition. The pears are expected to offer keen competition with American Winter Nelis as they are of excellent quality and in good condition.

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Price paid for American fruit on the Liverpool auction

Variety, grade and origin		Price		
		1929	1930	
		Feb 13	Feb 5	Feb 12
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
York Imperial, Virginia:				
U.S. No.1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		---	6.33-6.69	6.93-7.30
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		a/6.08-6.67	6.08-6.81	6.33-6.81
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		---	5.35-5.84	6.08-6.33
Ben Davis, Virginia:				
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....			b/3.65-4.14	b/ 4.20
Baldwin, New York:				
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		5.35-5.84	---	b/ 5.11
	<u>BOXES</u>			
Winesap, Washington:				
Extra fancy 150/175.....		3.10-3.16	2.68-2.74	2.92
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....		2.98-3.10	2.55-2.68	2.62-2.80
Fancy 150/175.....		2.98-3.10	2.55	2.62-2.68
Fancy 188/smaller.....		2.92-3.04	2.43-2.55	2.49-2.62
Comb.extra fancy & fancy 150/175:		---	---	2.55
Spitzenberg, Oregon:				
Extra fancy 150/175.....		3.16	3.04	2.98-3.04
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....		---	2.68-2.92	2.55-2.98
Fancy 150/175.....		2.98-3.04	2.98	2.86
Fancy 188/smaller.....		---	2.49-2.74	2.25-2.55
Delicious, Oregon:				
Extra fancy 150/175.....		---	3.59-3.65	3.59-3.65
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....		---	3.16-3.41	3.35-3.53
Newtown, Oregon:				
Extra fancy 150/175.....		3.22-3.41	---	3.77

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.
a/ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum.
b/ Fair condition.